

Bloodmobile Will Make Fourth Visit Here On March 21

Two Hundred Volunteers Being Asked To Meet At The Methodist Church

It has been only a year since the first Bloodmobile Unit visited Williamston. And since that time, many pints of blood have been used locally to help save lives. You are part of this program to help save lives; a part of the never-ending story of helping to save lives. For, as surely as life itself must go on, the business of helping one's fellowman, must also go on.

On Friday, March 21, the Bloodmobile will make its fourth visit to Williamston and will set up in the Methodist Church Recreation Room instead of the American Legion Post as has been the practice in the past.

Blood donor recruiters for this visit are Paul Simpson and Bruce Wynne, who succeed Wheeler M. Manning and V. J. Spivey. Both Messrs. Simpson and Wynne are optimistic that this visit will be as successful as those in the past and urge those who wish to give blood to contact them immediately.

The quota for this visit is 150 pints of blood, and to be certain that this amount can be collected, at least 200 pledges will be needed. All civic clubs, church groups and fraternal organizations are being asked to cooperate in helping obtain the needed pledges, and individual citizens who are not members of such groups are requested to call either of the recruiters, Mrs. Edna Bondurant at the Red Cross Office.

In addition to the blood used in the local hospitals through the Red Cross Blood Program, many pints of this vital life-giving fluid have been shipped overseas to our Armed Forces in Korea. Many stories of the lives saved, as a result of having blood available when needed, have been written, and many more will be told before there is peace in the world. All of these stories are mere chapters of the one big, never-ending story; the story of saving lives. Will you help write a chapter when the Bloodmobile visits Williamston, March 21?

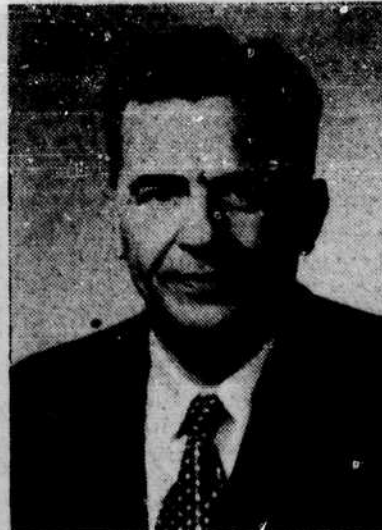
Volunteers are urgently asked to contact either of the recruiters or the Red Cross office in the City Hall.

HELP TAXPAYERS

State Deputy Collector E. Ross Fronberger will be in his office in the Martin County courthouse on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week to help North Carolina State income taxpayers prepare their tax returns.

Single persons making \$1,000 or more and married persons making \$2,000 or more must file returns not later than March 15. All persons are to list intangible properties, such as money on hand, notes, bonds, mortgages, or other evidences of debt, or shares of stock, by March 15.

Recruiting Blood Donors



J. Paul Simpson, left, and L. Bruce Wynne, right, are soliciting blood donors for the regional blood bank. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its fourth visit to Williamston Friday, March 21, and at least 200 volunteers are being sought. Succeeding Bill Spivey and Wheeler Manning, who handled the recruiting service for the first three visits, the new recruiters will appreciate the cooperation of the public. Contact them or the Red Cross office today and participate in the program.

SURVEY

Messrs. Randy Perrow, industrial representative of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and R. E. Pierson, geologist for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, are gathering data as a part of a county-wide industrial survey. They are working in cooperation with the Williamston Boosters and various governmental agencies and individuals.

The survey is being advanced on a county-wide basis, preliminary reports stating that quite a few ideal industrial sites had been mapped. Other data are to be collected and a report will be issued later.

Red Cross Drive Makes Progress

No complete reports are yet available, but it is understood that the current Red Cross fund drive in the Martin County Chapter is making splendid progress.

Fund Chairman W. Iverson Skinner has been out of town, but Co-Chairman Pete Austin said late yesterday that the canvass was nearing completion in some areas, that the contributions were holding up unusually well. No reports have come from the various townships, and the drive is just getting under way in the residential section here.

Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen, working with Miss Irene Tetterton in lining up the residential canvass here, announced the following workers: Mesdames H. B. Wyatt, Henry Griffin, Chas. I. Harris, Connie B. Clark, Bill Abbott, Robt. Newell, W. H. Coburn, I. M. Margolis, Lennie Manning, Wm. H. Sessoms, J. C. Eubanks, F. M. Manning, Reg. Simpson, Urbin Rogers, Ethel Watts and C. D. Cavenaugh, and Misses Marjorie Lindsley, Bernice Ward and Ruth Manning, and Mr. M. Stuart Davison. Miss Tetterton is announcing her list of canvassers over the week-end.

Mr. Skinner is hopeful that at least one-half the quota will have been raised an dreported by the early part of next week.

Contract Let For Addition To Oak City Negro School

A contract, calling for the expenditure of approximately \$55,000.00, for the construction of an auditorium-gymnasium as a part of the new Oak City Negro school unit now nearing completion, was let by the Martin County Board of Education in special session Tuesday afternoon.

J. T. Hardison and Son, Washington contractors, submitted a low base bid on the general construction work in the sum of \$45,708, a figure \$9,042 below the high bid submitted by the Wrenn-Wilson Company. The \$2,000 bid submitted for the electrical contract by Fountain-Patterson of Tarboro was accepted along with the \$3,596 heating bid submitted by D. R. Sugg, also of Tarboro. County forces plan to handle the plumbing work at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The architect's fee of approximately \$2,560 will boost the total cost of the structure to approximately \$55,000.

Nine general contractors submitted bids and they with the wiring and heating contractors filled the county grand jury room to overflowing, making it appear as if the contractors were holding a convention.

The bids were considered favorable and arc said to reflect a slight downward trend in building costs. The successful bidder on the general contract is now completing the construction of a Negro school in Oak City, costing right at \$91,000.00. However, it is not to be occupied before next fall when the auditorium addition completed or nearly completed.

Firemen Receive Two Calls Here

Williamston's volunteer firemen were called out twice last Tuesday morning.

At 10:50 they were called to a Whitaker Lumber Company pickup truck on the dirt road connecting U. S. 64 with Highway 17 at Skewarkey. The vehicle, unattended when firemen reached it, was ditched and in eighteen inches or more of water. No sign of fire was found, and the firemen returned.

Forty-five minutes later they were called to the home of Mrs. C. A. Harrison, corner of Academy and Hassell Streets. Its origin unknown, fire started in an upstairs clothes closet and was just before spreading when firemen reached it and brought it under control. No official estimate could be had immediately, but it is believed the damage will approximate \$2,000 or more since the entire house was badly smoked. While the fire did not spread much, the dense smoke was so hot that curtains across the room were left in ashes.

Discovering the fire, Mrs. Harrison tried to smother it with rugs and was badly burned on the left hand and arm, but she is getting along very well.

Miss Ayers Wins Essay Contest

The beverage alcohol essay contest was won by the Robersonville High School again this year. The winning essay, "Alcohol: Its Effects on Society" was written by a senior, Annel Ayers.

In the school contest, Patsy Roberson and Annel Ayers tied for top honor, each receiving ten dollars. Jean Brown won third place, Peggy Cherry won fourth place and Hester Martin won fifth place.

In the county contest, which was held at the Williamston High School Auditorium, March 3, Annel Ayers won first prize, and Ernest Taylor from Williamston won second prize. Joseph Griffin from Farm Life won third place, James Stewart from Oak City won fourth place, Faye Lee from Bear Grass and Shirley Barber from Jamesville won fifth and sixth places.

Last year Patsy Roberson from Robersonville won first prize in the county contest.

NEW CHURCH PLAN

The Williamston Christian Church on last Sunday morning voted to build a Norman Gothic type of structure on its newly purchased lot on North Smithwick Street, just beyond the local high school.

It is hoped by the congregation and its building committee that construction may begin in the not distant future. Mr. Davis of Lewisburg, Ky., the supervising architect, is making ready the plans for the new site and will offer for bids shortly thereafter. The crowded condition of the educational department makes the erection of the building very necessary.

Complaint Filed In Suit Against Highway - ACL

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle To Hear Case Argued Here On March 20th

Signing an order a few days ago, directing the defendants in the suit brought by the Town of Williamston against the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to show cause why something should not be done to relieve the dangerous traffic condition on West Main Street where the railroad company's tracks cross over the highway or street, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle will hear the case argued in the Martin County courthouse here on the morning of March 20, according to information released this week by the town attorney, Chas. H. Manning.

The complaint reads, in its entirety, as follows:

The plaintiff complaining of the defendants alleges and says:

No. 1: That the plaintiff is a municipal corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina; That the defendant, the Atlantic Coastline Railroad Company, is a corporation duly organized and existing according to law. That Dr. H. W. Jordan is a resident of Randolph County; that H. G. Shelton is a resident of Edgecombe County; that W. Guy Hargett is a resident of Onslow County; that A. Wilbur Clark is a resident of Cumberland County; that Dr. R. E. Earp is a resident of Johnston County; that J. A. Barnwell is a resident of Alamance County; that George S. Coble is a resident of Davidson County; that M. Otis Poole is a resident of Montgomery County; that Mark Goforth is a resident of Caldwell County; that Joseph Graham is a resident of Lincoln County; that L. Dale Thrash is a resident of Buncombe County.

No. 2: That the defendants above named, with the exception of the Atlantic Coastline Railroad Company are the duly qualified and acting members of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, and Dr. Jordan is the duly appointed and acting chairman of said Commission.

No. 3: That U. S. Highway No. 64 passes through the plaintiff, The Town of Williamston, and serves as the Town's main street, and the said highway and main street are a part of the State Highway System; That said street is the plaintiff's principal thoroughfare; That the Atlantic Coastline Railroad Company maintains a railroad track across said street on highway well within the limits of said town, and an underpass is maintained at said crossing through which motor and pedestrian traffic can pass without coming in contact with the said railroad tracks.

No. 4: That said underpass location is lower than the surrounding area and was made so when said underpass was constructed, and when same was constructed,

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Hundreds Attend Opening Of Cafe

The reopening of Griffin's Quick Lunch in its enlarged and modernized home, corner of Washington and Haughton Streets, last evening was attended by between 1,500 and 1,800 persons, according to an estimate by the owner-manager, Mr. George C. Griffin, Jr.

"We handled 2,000 rolls in three hours between 6:00 and 9:00 o'clock," Mr. Griffin said, adding that several hundred pounds of barbecue, approximately 1,600 soft drinks and light lunches were consumed "on the house" in the short period.

Extra help was employed to handle the rush, but even then the waiters could not keep up with the task assigned them.

Enlarging his dining room and adding a new modern kitchen and a large store room, Mr. Griffin was highly complimented on his new business home.

Nineteen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Grimes Gets 18 Months On Roads For Drunken, Careless Driving

Nineteen cases were handled before adjournment at noon in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Fines, amounting to \$295, were imposed by Judge R. T. Johnson.

Charged with drunken and careless driving resulting in a serious highway accident near Robersonville on last January 2, William James Grimes pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for eighteen months, twelve months for drunken driving and six months for careless and reckless driving, the last sentence to begin at the expiration of the first.

George Clemmons was fined \$10, plus costs, for speeding.

The case in which Robert Purvis, Jr., was charged with non-support, was not pressed, subject to be reopened at any time.

Jacklyn H. Lucas was taxed with the cost for speeding.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, James Page, colored, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading innocent, Robert Lee Manning, colored, was adjudged guilty and was fined \$100, plus costs, for drunken driving. He loses his license to operate a car for twelve months.

Johnnie W. Petaway was taxed with the court costs for speeding.

Charged with drunken driving, Johnnie Bryant pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his license to operate a motor vehicle for a year.

Pleading not guilty of allowing an unlicensed operator to drive a motor vehicle, Ananias Thompson was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

David Thompson, pleading guilty, was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

The case charging James Lloyd Price with non-support, was not pressed.

Finding probable cause of guilt in the case in which she was charged with breaking and entering and damaging property, the court bound over Lucy Whitehurst to the superior court for trial week after next. Unable to arrange bond, she was returned to jail.

Joshua Lee Jones, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was taxed with the court costs.

Willie Watson, pleading guilty, was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with an assault, William Gray was found not guilty. Bryant T. Rogerson was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Driving without glasses with restricted license, Paul Griffin pleaded guilty and was taxed with the costs.

Failing to comply with a judgment handed down in the court last January 7 when he was tried

Logging Stopped By Flood Waters

High water in the Roanoke has just about paralyzed logging operations in the lowlands along the stream, and mills, dependent upon the area for their logs, are about to be forced to close down, according to reliable but unofficial reports heard this week. The local veneer plant, getting most of its logs up the river, is now being supplied entirely from other sections.

Heavy rains, falling in this area recently, have made logging operations difficult on high land, but no mills have closed here as yet.

The Roanoke is now at 10.7 feet, or almost a foot over the banks here, and is expected to go about 11.3 or 11.5 by the latter part of the week. Most of the rise is said to be traceable to the heavy rains falling in this section during the past ten days.

Presbyterians Begin Work On New Educational Plant

Work on the construction of a new educational plant for the Williamston Presbyterian Church, corner Main and Watts Streets, was started yesterday by H. B. Wyatt, contractor. Plans for the structure were completed only a few days ago, the pastor, the Rev. Don Skinner, announced.

Covering a space about forty by fifty-two feet, the new two-story building will house six Sunday school rooms, kitchen and recreation hall, the latter two on the second floor.

In addition to the new unit which is to connect with the present structure on the side, extensive renovations are to be made to the old building, it was explained. The present Sunday school auditorium is to be partitioned for class rooms and other alterations will be made to tie in with the new building. Construction will be of block and brick.

Listed as a \$16,000 project, the new building is to be ready for use in early June, it was learned.

Organized about a quarter century ago, the denomination in recent years has enjoyed a marked growth, the pastor explaining that the additional room had been needed for some time.

Election Case Back In Superior Court

Alleged Contempt Of Court Action Set For Hearing

Special Order Directs The Defendants To Appear In Court Here

Battered around in the courts from here almost to the South Carolina border for almost five months, the case centering around Jamesville's contested municipal election is back in the courts. This time, by a special order signed by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle in Edgecombe County Superior Court this week, the defendants are to appear during the March term of Martin County Superior Court, and show why they should not be held in contempt of court.

Holding on to the town books and monies, the defendants have given due notice to the claim that they are duly constituted officers of the town of Jamesville, maintaining that the recent primary and election have no legal standing.

In the matter of "A. Corey and others against L. W. Hardison and James Long", the plaintiffs reviewed the election case before Judge Frizzelle in the wording below. Judge Frizzelle is scheduled to preside over the court here week after next. The review and order follow:

"Plaintiffs respectively show to the court:

That the General Assembly of North Carolina, on the 9th day of March, 1951, enacted Chapter 232 of the Laws of 1951, requiring a primary election in the Town of Jamesville, said act being made a part of this Motion, to all intents and purposes just as if same were set out verbatim herein.

"That the defendants were elected Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Jamesville in the 1949 election and failed and refused to order a primary and call an election as ordered by Chapter 232 of the Laws of 1951.

"That after a petition signed by several voters of the Town of Jamesville asking that an election be called was disregarded by said officers of the Town of Jamesville, a suit was brought in the Superior Court of Martin County entitled as above, on the day of October, 1951, praying for a mandamus to force said officials to call an election as required by law.

"That at the November Term 1951 of the Martin County Superior Court, said cause came on

SECOND MONDAYS

A representative of the district social security office will be in Williamston each second Monday, beginning next Monday, at 10:00 o'clock to discuss problems and answer questions relative to the social security program, it was announced this week.

The representative will be in the employment office, Tar Heel Apartment building, each second Monday at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Draw Fifty-Six County Citizens For April Jury

Two-Week Term of Superior Court To Open In County On April 15

Created by special act of legislature some years ago, the April term of the Martin County Superior Court will convene on Tuesday, April 15, for the trial of civil cases only. The term is scheduled to run for two weeks, and is not to be confused with the regular two-week term of court opening on March 17. No judge has been assigned to preside over the term.

Citizens were drawn for jury duty during the April court by the county commissioners in their regular session this month, as follows:

First Week

Jamesville Township: J. Brown Holliday, A. Corey, J. Ernie Gardner, Julian Fagan, R. G. Coburn, M. D. Davis, Durham Davis and P. C. Blount, Jr.

Griffins Township: W. Rufus Hardison and Henry S. Griffin.

Bear Grass Township: Sidney Beacham.

Williamston Township: Ben D. Courtney, F. F. Carstarphen and Fletcher G. Thomas.

Cross Roads Township: William N. Cherry, Willie Long and Paul Bailey.

Robersonville Township: Guy O. Rawls, Jr., Kenneth H. Roberson, Clarence Briley, S. L. Roberson, R. B. Nelson and C. H. House.

Hamilton Township: R. A. Edmondson, John L. House, James Wynne and Vance Whitfield.

Goose Nest Township: J. A. Stalls, Jr.

Second Week

Jamesville Township: S. F. Davis, Clyde Modlin, and A. L. Griffin.

Williams Township: Hubert Gardner and Jos. H. Perry.

Griffins Township: Coy Griffin.

Williamston Township: M. A. Price, W. M. Baker, D. V. Clayton, Estace Jones, Mrs. W. O. Abbott, Horace A. Ray, Russell Biggs and Jesse F. Roberson.

Cross Roads Township: Silas Leggett and W. C. Bullock.

Robersonville Township: J. S. Crandall, D. D. Roberson, J. R. Nelson, A. M. Haislip, Ernest Johnson, James A. Roebuck and W. T. Bunting.

Hamilton Township: Marvin Haislip.

Goose Nest Township: Mrs. R. R. Thompson, C. S. Johnson, W. B. Cannon, Jr., and Mrs. Sue Bunting.

REPORT

ABC Enforcement Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock wrecked fourteen illicit liquor manufacturing plants in the county last month. Seven of the plants were fully equipped, mostly with cheap kettles, and the mash was described as being of inferior quality.

Six persons were arrested and six were convicted, the road terms adding up to 48 months and the fines amounting to \$220. The officers poured out 1,850 gallons of mash and confiscated about thirty-four quarts of liquor.

Green Wave Band Planning Concert

The Williamston High School Green Wave Band is planning its annual spring concert for Thursday, April 3, at 8:15 p. m. in the high school auditorium. Director Jack Butler announced this week.

The program is being planned to suit the musical taste of everyone, he said. Classical, modern, contemporary music, swing numbers and novelties are on the program along with several good songs.

Rehearsals have been under way for some time and there will be an intensification of the rehearsals between now and concert time.

The event is under the sponsorship of the Williamston Band Parents Club and prices of admission will be small again this year in order to make the concert available to all who wish to hear it from all sections of the county.

County To Participate In 'Better Government' Plan

Plans are advancing for local participation in the Citizen's Better Government Committee, a statewide organization now functioning in all thirteen districts of the state, it was announced this week by Rev. Ralph Ferguson, of Robersonville, chairman of the 13th district.

The organization, headed by Rev. T. G. Cashwell of Gastonia, is not a religious organization, Rev. Ferguson explained, but a statewide organization of citizens interested in promoting better government. Every effort will be put forth, it was stated, toward getting a statewide referendum on liquor, eliminating the evils of legalized gambling in North Car-

olina and abolishing gag rule in the State Legislature.

Questionnaires relative to these issues will be mailed out to each candidate for public office in the name of the Citizen's Committee, and the candidates will be advised that their answers will be published in county papers in the form of paid advertising. Each county will take care of its own candidates, Rev. Ferguson said.

Rev. Ferguson, whose district is comprised of Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties, announced that Henry S. Johnson of Hamilton will act as chairman of the Martin County committee. Mr. Johnson will select his assistants to help in the committee's work.